sic] pilot of a Vesell on the Swash[.] at their return Saturday Evening the Governor concluded Wise shoud go [as the mate, sic] as no other person could be procured.

I found Capt. Smith complaining much for want of food for his Hogs, he says they were at allowance for some days, in consequence I thought it prudent to put 25 bushells peass from the Regulator on board him with directions not to use them untill his other provisions of a worse quality are expended and shoud they remain to dispose of them &c—The Vacancy is filld up with Shingles—Mullets is reported here to be very high at Cape Nicolas [West Indies]. I have taken four barrells from the Governor [John Wallace] on your acct [for you] and mean to risk them on Deck. I hope and expect they will go Safe.—Ned Ryan consented to go with Smith on recieving your Letter.—We will Sail this day at Slack Water say about 12 oClock.

I am Very Respectfully
Your Obed Serv
J W G PRESCOTT

Mr Wallace has a letter from W Armstead dated 25th. Nov<sup>r</sup>—which I have read. mentions nothing of any insurrection or troubles with the Negroes. quotes the price such as we Supposed of Lumber—pork £6..10—Corn only 5/6.—pease not mentioned. —the Letter is now mislaid but Mr. W. promises to inclose it to you—

Addressed: John Gray Blount, Esq<sup>r</sup>.
Washington

## John Willis to John Gray Blount

Lumberton 22 Dec<sup>r</sup> 1795

Dear Sir/

There is an old man whose lands Join my mill Lands & a part of which is Overflown by my pond, who has once hired a fellow to cut my Mill dam. In which he was detected, & upon Examination I found the land he Claimed to be Vacant, or as much of it as 50 Acres on this I laid an old warrant, but the old fellow has entered a Caveat in the Secretaries office, &